

REMARKS

A substitute specification is submitted with this Preliminary Amendment along with a marked-up copy of the original specification showing changes that have been made to the original specification. No new matter has been introduced.

By way of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Claims 1-21 have been canceled and new Claims 22-42 are presented for consideration. The new claims are presented in place of the original claims to improve the form and readability of the claims so that they more closely correspond to standard U.S. practice and to remove certain unnecessary recitations.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the substitute specification and new claims presented by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to the application is respectfully requested.

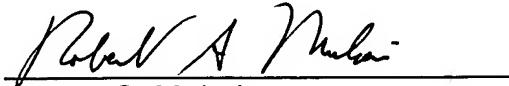
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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